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From: Marlo Lewis [mlewis@cei.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2004 11:35 AM
To: Holbrook, William F.
Subject: RE: CEQ E-Notes: Wednesday, September 29, 2004

Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Holbrook, William F. [mailto:William_F._Holbrook@ceq.eop.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2004 11:30 AM
To: Marlo Lewis
Subject: RE: CEQ E-Notes: Wednesday, September 29, 2004

Cindy Hoffman (202/208-3008) is the contact listed on their press release. Unfortunately, I do not have an e-mail.

-----Original Message-----

From: Marlo Lewis [mailto:mlewis@cei.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2004 11:23 AM
To: Holbrook, William F.
Subject: RE: CEQ E-Notes: Wednesday, September 29, 2004

Thanks. To whom, and to what email address, should I send this note?

-----Original Message-----

From: Holbrook, William F. [mailto:William_F._Holbrook@ceq.eop.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2004 11:09 AM
To: Marlo Lewis
Subject: RE: CEQ E-Notes: Wednesday, September 29, 2004

I'd refer you to the US Fish and Wildlife Service. This came from their press release, not an original piece written by us.

Thanks.

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From: Marlo Lewis [mailto:mlewis@cei.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2004 11:00 AM
To: Holbrook, William F.
Cc: Global Warming
Subject: RE: CEQ E-Notes: Wednesday, September 29, 2004

Dear Mr. Holbrook,

Maybe it was just a slip of the pen, but I am troubled by the following statement:

"As part of the partnership, Entergy will retain the right to report carbon sequestration credits that will result from their

reforestation efforts."

Entergy has been lobbying for years to transform the 1605(b) emissions reporting program into a pre-regulatory credit for early reductions program. As you may know, the Competitive Enterprise Institute and several other free market groups have long made the case that the federal government has no authority under current law to award CO2 reduction or sequestration credits, and that Congress should not provide such authority because an early credit program would function as the political and legal setup for future Kyoto-style cap-and-trade schemes.

DOE's general counsel agrees with our reading of 1605(b), as do a number of groups on the other side of the Kyoto debate, including Natural Resources Defense Council, Pew Center on Global Climate Change, and the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management.

Please make sure that future communications do not give the misleading impression that the U.S. Government is in the business of awarding "credits" for CO2 reductions or sequestration. In fact, it would be a good idea to issue a correction.

Sincerely,
Marlo Lewis
Senior Fellow
Competitive Enterprise Institute

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From: Holbrook, William F. [mailto:William_F._Holbrook@ceq.eop.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2004 4:24 PM
To: Holbrook, William F.
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Edwin Piñero Appointed

President Bush appointed Edwin Piñero as the new Federal Environmental Executive, the White House announced Monday, 2004. Mr. Piñero had served as Deputy Assistant Secretary, assuming the role of Acting Federal Environmental Executive upon the departure of John Howarth. "It is an honor and an opportunity to serve as Federal Environmental Executive, continuing on our mission of promoting environmental protection across the Federal government," said Piñero.

Previously, Mr. Piñero was owner and managing director of a management consulting firm in Pennsylvania. He served as Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge's Deputy Secretary of Sustainability in the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection as well as the State Energy Director. Mr. Piñero also worked for various environmental organizations, including environmental management for DuPont and with Mobil Oil Corporation. He has a Ph.D. from the State University of New York and a M.S. from A&M University.

(Source: [OFEE](#))

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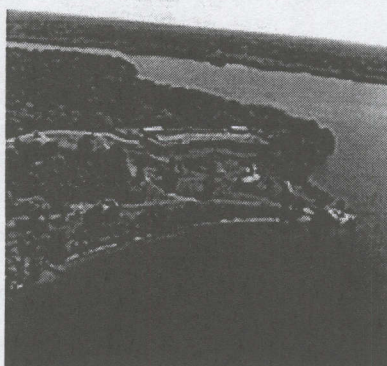
U.S. Announces Major Clean Air Act Settlement with Mirant Mid-Atlantic

Company Agrees to Reduce Air Emissions in the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area

The Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency, along with the Commonwealth of Virginia, announced Monday a major Clean Air Act settlement with Mirant Mid-Atlantic. The settlement will eliminate almost 29,000 tons of air pollution each year from Mirant's coal-fired power plant in Virginia. The settlement resolves federal claims that Mirant violated the NOx emissions limit at its Potomac River plant in Alexandria.

The agreement, filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Virginia for public comment, requires Mirant to cap several coal-fired units and to cap its gas-fired power plants account for near 50 percent of the plant's nationwide.

Washington, D.C. & Maryland



"The pollution controls required by significant environmental and publ General Thomas L. Sansonetti. "T enforcement of coal-fired utilities c Administration."

"This settlement, reached with the significantly reduce air pollution in said Tom Skinner, acting Assistan Enforcement and Compliance Ass utilities that comply with the nation

Mirant will pay a \$500,000 civil pe Commonwealth of Virginia, and it projects that are designed to redu emissions from the Potomac River

In its Mid-Atlantic (Maryland and V fired power plants, consisting of 1: of generating capacity: the Morgar County, Md.; the Chalk Point Gen County, Md.; the Dickerson Gener Md.; and the Potomac River Gene The consent decree covers all the

NOx is a contributor to acid rain ar causes smog; fine PM causes haz respiratory problems and exacerb:

Mirant is a competitive energy con the United States, the Caribbean, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in reorganization has yet been filed.

The consent decree will be subjec

(Source: EPA)

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Fuel Suppliers Preparin Diesel Requirements

Refiners remain on target to suppl over the next five years, accordi released today. EPA has been wo manufacturers and fuel refiners in engine and fuel standards. When Program, will reduce 2.6 million to oxides (NOx) from diesel exhaust running heavy-duty trucks and bus

Service for maintaining the new partnership, Entergy will retain the that will result from their reforestat

The land conservation announced \$15.7 million initiative to protect th complete, the project will add appi National Wildlife Refuge, and refoi

"Building innovative partnerships v private landowners is one of the r restore vital habitat such as Louisi Deputy Secretary of the Interior J. partnerships allow us to acquire a Refuge System and protect the sp River Valley."

Carbon dioxide is a principal greer atmosphere have increased over t policy experts to find ways to cont avoid potential adverse impacts fr emissions can be controlled through improved techn as through the use of low-carbon f

Carbon sequestration is the long-t biosphere, underground, or the oc reforested bottomland hardwood f floodplain can take up 400 tons of reforestation of the Tensas project carbon dioxide over the next 70 ye the road for one year, or avoiding gasoline.

This innovative approach has mac companies to partner over the last agricultural lands. Since 1999, the more than 65,000 acres have been Valley, and more than 20,000 acre Refuge System. More than \$500,C Wildlife Refuge System to maintai

"As a conservation tool, carbon se address critical issues relating to t saving and restoring wildlife habita accomplishes this at a savings to t Trust for Public Land's project mai

"Entergy is very proud of the publi the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

expand and enhance the Tensas Louisiana. This project not only fit Gas Stabilization Commitment, but threatened Louisiana black bear, is highly valued by the community Executive Vice President of Oper

To date, funding for this project has including the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the Enterprise continue to raise needed funds for the acquisition.

The strong support of the Louisiana instrumental in the funding effort. Landrieu, and U.S. Representative

The lands added to Tensas River significant because they will connect provide an important wildlife corridor rare forest breeding birds, waterfowl

The Lower Mississippi River floodplain threatened ecosystems. Encompassing Louisiana, and Mississippi, the loss of forestland since the early 1900s conversion to agriculture.

Tensas River NWR was established in northeast Louisiana along the upper protects one of the largest continuous left in the Lower Mississippi River

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for conserving, protecting and enhancing habitats for the continuing benefit manages the 95-million-acre Natchez encompasses 544 national wildlife other special management areas. 63 fish and wildlife management operations stations. The agency enforces federal Endangered Species Act, manages nationally significant fisheries, conserves wetlands, and helps foreign governments oversees the Federal Assistance program millions of dollars in excise taxes on fish and wildlife agencies. For more www.fws.gov.

Entergy Corporation is an integrated

electric power production, retail distribution, trading, and gas transportation. E about 30,000 megawatts of electricity. It is the largest nuclear generator in the United States. It serves 2.6 million utility customers in Arkansas. Entergy has annual revenues of over \$1 billion and 10,000 employees. For more information visit www.entergy.com.

The Trust for Public Land, established in 1972, is a real estate, applying its expertise in land conservation to protect land for people to enjoy as urban playgrounds, and wilderness areas across the country. With funding from the National Conservation Program, the federal government, open-space funds, and other public sources, the Trust to protect over 14,000 acres in Louisiana. Visit the web at www.tpl.org.

For more information, visit: -- [http:](http://)

(Source: USFWS)

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United States to Support Sharks, Other Threatened Conference in Bangkok

Great white sharks are one of the most threatened species. The decline in their populations means international trade restrictions to protect them. The U.S. Department of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife are

Manson will head the U.S. delegation to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) in Bangkok from 2005. The agreement signed by more than 100 countries to protect wild animals and plants that are or may be threatened by commercial trade.

Like many species of sharks, great white sharks are especially for their fins, which are

"People have a natural terror of 'Jaws' sharks. But plants and animals are the species that are most threatened."
"By helping regulate sustainable wild animal and plant trade and shut down black markets, CITES is working in partnership and cooperation to conserve

In addition to supporting the proposed trade in great white sharks, the United States will protect three Asian turtle species, the yellow-billed cuckoo (songbird), the humphead wrasse (fish), and the yew (a tree).

The United States also is proposing to protect bald eagles, reflecting their dramatic decline in the lower 48 states. The proposal would protect bald eagles with its status as a threatened species. Since eagles are protected under the Endangered Species Act, the effect of the U.S. proposal would be to protect eagles in the United States and Canada for religious purposes.

Manson made the announcement at the conference as part of a Federal Register advance of the conference. These

The United States is not yet taking any action to allow export of rhinoceroses from Africa and Namibia to allow export of rhinoceroses. "We will decide whether to allow export of rhinoceroses designed to raise funds for rhinoceros conservation consultations with all African range states. We will accept these proposals only if we are assured that they are a long-term program to benefit the species."

The United States is opposing a proposed export quota for sale of ivory. The United States is opposing the ivory stocks by Namibia, South Africa, and Swaziland at the conference of the parties in 2002. The United States is opposing the illegal killing of African elephants because the ivory trade is not in place yet.

The United States is undecided on whether to include ramin, a tropical hardwood mainly found in Southeast Asia, which has been subject to widespread illegal and unregulated trade in ramin, but we will not include it until all countries have agreed before reaching a decision. The United States is proposing to include ramin because they are not threatened and because of the conditions for inclusion in Appendix I.

A CITES-regulated species may be included in Appendix I of the Convention:

- Appendix I includes species for which commercial trade is detrimental to the species' survival. Therefore, no commercial trade in these species is permitted. Non-commercial trade in these species is permitted if it does not jeopardize the species' survival and if the exportation and importation are for scientific purposes.

- Appendix II includes spec commercial trade may be that trade is not strictly co through the use of export
- Appendix III includes spe the assistance of other pa species are legal. Permits native species. Any CITE: Appendix III.

Any listing of a species in either A: thirds of the CITES party countries

(Source: DOI)

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EPA Solicits Proposals Brownfields Grants for Throughout the Country

EPA is now accepting proposals fr and cooperative agreement grants conditions in low-income and soci unable to get alternative sources c hopes these grants will stimulate r other beneficial reuse of land. The The winners are expected to be n:

These grants are authorized by th: Brownfields Revitalization Act of 2

EPA will only consider proposals t

- Community Involvement i disadvantaged communiti
- Integrated approaches to low-income and socio-ecc Integrated approaches ex environmental, economic, waterfront utilization, trans planning, etc.;
- How the economics of Br impact low-income and sc communities.

The grants will be in the form of a include: governmental and non-pr profit private universities. For-profi submit "joint" applications with elic

EPA estimates that \$800,000 will be available for competition and up to three grants of the applications. EPA intends to review applications ranging from 1-5 years, contingent on funding. EPA reserves the right to offer partial funding for applications. EPA may also decide to fund applications warranted, by changes in Agency

For more detailed information and process, go to: <http://www.epa.gov> or contact the Office of Brownfields (202) 277-2777.

(Source: EPA)

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Voluntary Programs Pre Reports

ENERGY STAR and other voluntary programs encourage reporting of greenhouse gas emissions reports. Protecting the Environment's Voluntary Programs catalogues the range of EPA energy-efficiency and ENERGY STAR, Americans prefer to those from 18 million automobiles. Also through the combined efforts of these programs, emissions are expected to be kept

More than 2,000 builders have completed qualified new homes, locking in financing for \$60 million annually. About 5,000 homes are being built with ENERGY STAR Performance with ENERGY STAR. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is working with cities. Through EPA's Green Power Partnership, DOE is committed to purchasing more than 100,000 kilowatt-hours of voluntary climate change program energy solutions, increase the capacity of energy solutions, increase the capacity of energy solutions of other non-carbon dioxide emissions of other non-carbon dioxide emissions. Corporate partners to develop long-term strategies. Copies of the 2003 annual report are available at the ENERGY STAR Hotline at 1-888-4-ENERGY STAR or <http://www.epa.gov/cppd>.

(Source: EPA)

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Environmental Protection

of Defense as Pesticide Program "Champion" for

The US Environmental Protection Stewardship Program (PESP) has "PESP Champion" of 2004. The award was presented in 2004 in a letter from J. Stephen M. Stewardship Branch, Biopesticide Stewardship Branch, EPA, to the Armed Forces Pest Management Under Secretary of Defense for In-

EPA's Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP) is a program that forms partnerships with pesticide users to develop pest management strategies and reduce the health and environmental risks of pesticide use. PESP Champions are individuals or organizations whose efforts promoting integrated pest management and prevention. DoD was the only Federal agency recipient. This award is DoD's third consecutive.

The award is based on DoD's demonstrated leadership in including: developing and deploying a repellent for mosquitoes and sand flies; and an air curtain for aircraft that reduces aircraft disinsection.

Highlighted as a contributing factor to the continuing department-wide reduction of pesticide use (56% reduction reported for 2003) by the Departments of the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force, particularly notable in view of the fact that all three branches have sustained during the past several years an interagency workgroup on public health and safety as a contributor.

The US Army's Army Environmental Stewardship Program and Preventive Medicine Program through their cooperation in projects such as: reducing imported fire ants, Geographic Information System risk strategy for Army golf courses, and reducing pesticide use at childcare centers.

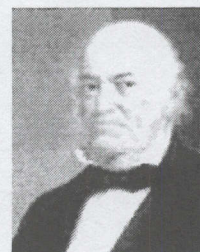
More information about the Pesticide Stewardship Program, DoD's participation in it are accessible at [http://www.epa.gov/oppbppd1/PEStewardship/ManagementBoard's](http://www.epa.gov/oppbppd1/PEStewardship/ManagementBoard/) site at [http://www.epa.gov/oppbppd1/PEStewardship/ManagementBoard's](http://www.epa.gov/oppbppd1/PEStewardship/ManagementBoard/)

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First Secretary of the Int

Since Congress created the Depa
the steward for:

Land

DOI manages 507 million acres of
in the United States, including:

- 262 million acres manage
- 96 million acres managec
- 84.4 million acres manag
- 8.7 million acres manage
with reclamation projects.
- 55.7 million acres manag
- Over 180,000 acres of ab
reclaimed through the Offi
Land Program.

Water

DOI has responsibility for managir
resources. The Bureau of Reclarr
reservoirs that deliver irrigation we
provide water for 31 million people
jurisdiction over approximately 1.7
Shelf, on which it manages about
acres. The U.S. Geological Surve
studies with offices in all 50 states

Recreation and Cultural Opport

- 66.6 million visits to 3,300
of Land Management
- 279 million visits to 388 u
sites, battlefields and othe
National Park Service

- 39 million visits to 544 Wildlife Service
- 90 million visits to 308 Reclamation

For more information on camping, recreational opportunities on [Interi recreation.gov](http://Interi.recreation.gov)

Native American Lands and Ne

- 55.7 million acres of land
- The Bureau of Indian Affe Indian children in 184 sch
- The Bureau manages rek

U.S. Energy Needs

Energy projects on federally mana 28 percent of the nation's energy |

- 34.5% of natural gas
- 34.7% of oil
- 42% of coal
- 17% of hydro power
- 48% of geothermal

Scientific Research

The U.S. Geological Survey scien

- Monitor, analyze, interpre earthquakes, volcanoes, & United States.
- Monitor and assess water thousands of sites across
- Produce more than 100,0
- Estimate world and Unite
- Conduct a wide range of provide land and resource make sound decisions, ar hazards

Fish and Wildlife

The Department seeks to work wit enhance fish, wildlife, plants and ti Americans. DOI is responsible for:

- Improving habitats for miq

freshwater and anadromous fi
these resources

- Protecting 1,848 endange
- Preventing and controllin

(Source: DOI)

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For more information, please visit <http://www>.

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)
closely with agencies and other White House
initiatives. The Council's chairman serves as
In addition, CEQ oversees federal agency im
process and resolves interagency conflicts.